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1. ONE SEARCH GROUP FROM INNSBRUCK, AUSTRIA, GAVE UP ON AUGUST 15 BECAUSE ALL LEADS HAVE BEEN FOLLOWED BY INNSBRUCK WITHOUT SUCCESS.

2. LT. ALLEN HENDERSON, BROTHER OF MISSING PHILIP HENDERSON, ARRIVED MUNICH 9 AM. AUGUST 16. DRIVEN TO OBERPFAFFENHOFEN TO BEGIN JOURNEY TO SEARCH AREA STILL CENTERED IN SCHARNITZ, AUSTRIA. SEARCH BY THIS GROUP CONTINUES. POSSIBLE NEW LEAD FROM GERMAN TOURIST WHO MAY HAVE SPOKEN WITH HENDERSON IN THE MOUNTAINS. HE ALLEGEDLY TOOK PICTURE OF HIKER WITH WHOM HE HAD TALKED. EFFORTS NOW BEING MADE TO LOCATE FILMS WHICH MAY PROVE OF VALUE.

3. AT THE MOMENT NO ADDITIONAL PRIVATE FUNDS ARE NEEDED TO CONTINUE SEARCH. GERMAN SEARCH AND RESCUE HELICOPTERS ARE STILL INVOLVED IN SEARCH EFFORTS.

4. U.S. SPECIAL FORCES TEAMS HAD BEEN DISPATCHED TO MITTENWALD TO ASSIST IN SEARCH ON GERMAN SIDE SEARCH AREA PENDING RECEIPT OF UNCLASSIFIED

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AUSTRIAN APPROVAL TO JOIN SEARCH EFFORT IN AUSTRIA WHICH LATER WAS

NOT FORTHCOMING. DESPITE DENIAL AUSTRIAN PERMIT, AUSTRIAN POLICE AUTHORITIES SCHARNITZ PLANNING TO REOPEN REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO ENABLE TWELVE MEN (TWO TEAMS) DRESSED IN CIVILIAN CLOTHING, TO ENGAGE IN SEARCH UNDER CONTROL AUSTRIAN POLICE OFFICIALS IN CHARGE. SOME MEMBERS OF TEAM HAD PASSPORTS, OTHERS ONLY ID CARDS WHICH WERE NOT ACCEPTABLE TO AUSTRIANS IN THEIR ROLE AS PRIVATE AMERICANS ASSISTING IN SEARCH. CONGEN WILL ISSUE PASSPORTS TO TEAM MEMBERS, IF REQUIRED.

5. DR. RABENSTEINER OF REGIONAL AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT (LANDESREGIERUNG) INNSBRUCK TELEPHONED CONGEN TODAY, INDICATING THEY ASCERTAINED PHILIP HENDERSON STAYED YOUTH HOSTEL INNSBRUCK AUGUST 4/5. NO ADDITIONAL INFO ON HENDERSON'S FURTHER TRAVEL KNOWN.

6. SENATOR RANDOLPH INTERESTED. DOHERTY

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